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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-33 before adding claims 35-110 as follows:

35. A method of producing a screen-printing stencil having open areas and blocked areas for respectively passage and blocking of a printing medium, the method comprising:

providing a receptor element comprising an image-receiving layer capable of receiving a first chemical agent in areas corresponding to the blocked areas of the stencil to be produced;

applying the first chemical agent to the image-receiving layer of the receptor element in the said corresponding areas;

applying a second, stencil-forming chemical agent to a screen printing screen, bringing the image-receiving layer of the receptor element into contact with the stencil-forming agent, to allow the first and second chemical agents to react to produce on the screen a stencil-forming layer having areas of lower solubility corresponding to the said blocked areas and areas of higher solubility in areas corresponding to the open stencil areas;

removing any remaining unreacted part of the receptor element; and